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SPYFLIGHT WARNING

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(TEXT) NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE IN ITS 1 FEBRUARY ISSUE REVEALS ONE OF THE SECRETS OF THE PENTAGON, THE CIA, OR MAYBE OF BOTH. IT CLAIMS THAT THIS YEAR U.S. PLANES WILL RESUME SPYFLIGHTS OVER THE SOVIET UNION. INSTEAD OF U-2 PLANES, THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO USE THE SPEEDIER R9-74. THE MAGAZINE RECALLS THAT FORMER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER ORDERED U-2 OVERFLIGHTS TO STOP BACK IN 1960, BUT IT FAILS TO SAY WHY THIS WAS DONE.

IF YOU REMEMBER, THE LOCKHEED U-2 PLANE PILOTED BY FRANCIS POWERS WAS SHOT DOWN BY SOVIET ROCKET FORCES NEAR SVERDLOVSK ON 1 MAY 1960. THE SOVIET PEOPLE WERE DEEPLY ANGERED BY THIS PROVOCATIVE FLIGHT AIMED AT LOCATING FUTURE TARGETS. THE OVERFLIGHT TOOK PLACE AT A TIME WHEN THERE WAS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON FOR A TOP-LEVEL CONFERENCE, AND WHEN MOSCOW WAS PREPARING TO WELCOME THE U.S. PRESIDENT. AS A RESULT OF THIS CRUDE PROVOCATION, THE SUMMIT MEETING WAS UNDERMINED AND MR. EISENHOWER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW WAS CALLED OFF.

THE PENTAGON AND THE CIA WOULD DO WELL TO THINK TWICE BEFORE STARTING ON ANY NEW PROVOCATIONS AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION, FOR THESE ACTS WILL NOT GO UNPUNISHED.

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